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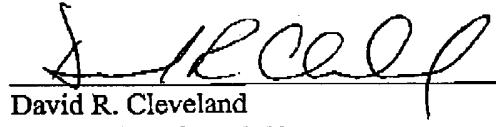
**Remarks**

A cross-reference claiming the benefit of Application Serial No. 09/301,164, filed April 28, 1999 has been inserted at page 1. The '164 application is a prior-filed copending nonprovisional application naming at least two inventors (*viz.*, Bryan M. Anderson and Keith E. Olson) named in the present application. No fee is required under 37 C.F. R. §1.78 in connection with this amendment because this cross-reference is being submitted within four months from the actual filing date of the present application (see 37 C.F. R. §1.78(a)(2)(ii)).

The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned attorney at 612-331-7412 if there are any questions regarding this application.

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